KOLE COMMITTEE

143. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the date on which the Kole Committee was constituted;

(*b*) what are the powers and responsibilities of the above committee;

(*c*) who are the existing office-bearers of the committee;

(*d*) whether the Government have got any Report of their work from the committee during the years 1119 and 1120 and if so to append the same to the answer to this question;

(*e*) whether they have received any complaint from the public regarding the constitution and the working of the committee?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a* and *b*) A copy of letter, dated 8th Dhanu 1119 from the President, Kole Committee, is appended. (Appendix III)

(*c*) Government have no information.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

MULLURKAYAL SCHEME—PARTICULARS OF

144. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the quantity of water that was stored up in the Mullurkayal in 1119 and the area over which it was stored;

(*b*) the extent of kole lands which were benefited by the water;

(*c*) the amount that was spent on the scheme;

(*d*) the number of cultivators from whom cess was levied and the total amount of cess so levied?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The water stored in the Mullurkayal area will be about 2432 acre ft. It was stored in an area of about 608 acres.

(*b*) 13,684 acres.

(*c*) Rs. 48,044—12—0.

(*d*) No cess has yet been collected. Action is in progress in this behalf.

ROADS—MAINTENANCE OF

145 Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) why earth is spread on the roads;

(*b*) how many times it is done every year;

(*c*) when was this practice begun;

(*d*) does it not make the road extremely muddy and slippery in the rain and dusty in the sun;

(*e*) is this begun to be done on any expert's opinion?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Sligat binding soon after the rains by gravelly earth protects the road from excessive wear besides making it smoother for traffic.

(*b*) Thrice

(*c*) Blinding with gravelly earth was being done for a very long time. The practice of doing this three times a year was stated from the year 1118.

(*d*) If the blinding is done of clay instead or gravelly earth, there is a tendency for the surface to get slushy for a day or two. The treatment might make the road slightly more dusty.

(*e*) This is the practice on all important roads even outside the State.

ROAD CONNECTING THAZHAKKAD ROAD WITH KARANCHIRA BRIDGE

146. Mr. Puthur Achuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) in which year the construction of the road connecting Thazhakkad road with Karanchira bridge was sanctioned;

(*b*) the amount allotted to be spent in 1119, 1120 and 1121;

(*c*) whether the amounts allotted for 1119 and 1120 has been spent;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the negative, the cause for not spending these amounts in

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